

CLAIMS

1. (CANCELLED)

2 (AMENDED) A tool for stripping a sheath from an end of a cable which comprises:

a tube;

a cylindrical plunger slideably positioned in said tube;

a yoke being a strip formed into a U shape having one leg parallel to another leg and a portion of said strip with one end integrally joined to an end of one leg and another end of said portion integrally joined to an end of said another leg;

said yoke having one of said legs integrally joined to an end of said tube by another strip extending from an end of said tube;

a spring between another end of said plunger and a closed end of said tube arranged to bias said plunger toward said yoke;

a knife;

~~The tool of claim 1 wherein said means for mounting is a hairpin strip operably attached to said knife and clippable onto said portion of said yoke~~ arranged to permit mounting said knife onto said portion of said yoke arranged for cutting a longitudinal cut in a section of said sheath when said section is operably positioned between said legs of said yoke and forced by said plunger against said knife.

3. (AMENDED) The tool of claim 2 ~~4~~—further comprising a handle having one end ~~secured~~ secured to said plunger and extending through a slot in said tube ~~handle~~ arranged to permit a user to withdraw said plunger from said yoke.

4. (AMENDED) The yoke of claim 2 ~~4~~ further comprising a roller mounted on said one of said plunger with an axis of rotation perpendicular to said plunger and ~~operably~~ cooperably arranged to contact a cable positioned between lgs of said yoke providing that when said cable is pulled through said yoke in a direction away from said tube and roller ~~roll thereby facilitating the roller facilitates~~ drawing said cable away through said yoke.

5. (amended). A tool for stripping a sheath from an end of a cable which comprises:

a tube;

a cylindrical plunger slideably positioned in said tube;

a yoke being a strip formed into a U-shape having one leg parallel to another leg and
a portion of said strip with one end integrally joined to an end of one leg and another
end of said portion integrally joined to another end of said another leg;

said yoke having one of said legs integrally joined to an end of said tube by another
strip extending from an end of said tube;

said yoke aligned with said tube to permit that one end of said plunger, sliding
toward said yoke passes between said legs;

a spring between another end of said plunger and a closed end of said tube arranged
to bias said plunger toward said yoke;

a knife;

a hairpin strip operably attached to said knife and clippable onto said portion of said yoke operably arranged for cutting a longitudinal cut in a section of said sheath when said section is operably positioned between said legs of said yoke and forced by said plunger against said knife;

a handle having one end ~~secured~~ secured to said plunger and extending through a slot in said tube handle arranged to permit a user to withdraw said plunger from said yoke[[:]] .

a roller mounted on said one end of said plunger with an axis of rotation perpendicular to said plunger and operably arranged to contact a cable positioned between legs of said yoke providing that when said cable is pulled through said yoke in a direction away from said tube and roller ~~roll~~ the roller facilitates ~~thereby~~ ~~facilitating~~ drawing said cable away through said yoke.

6. (AMENDED) A method for stripping a ~~section~~ section of a sheath from an end of a

cable which includes the steps in ~~operable~~ operable order:

provide the tool of claim 5;

retract the plunger from the yoke;

position the yoke of the tool over the end of the cable;

said cable oriented with said end of said cable pointing away from

said handle;

release said handle to permit said plunger to slide toward said yoke whereby said cable

is forced into contact with said knife and said knife penetrates said sheath;

pull said tool away from said cable whereby said knife forms a longitudinal slit in said section of said sheath;

apply force to said handle to release said tool from said cable;

peel said section from said cable and cut said section away from said cable.

7. (amended) The tool of claim 2 + wherein said means for mounting said knife comprises:

a screw;

said knife mounted on ~~and~~ an end of said screw;

said yoke having a threaded hole;

said knife, said screw. said threaded hole on said yoke arranged in operable combination for cutting a longitudinal cut in a section of said sheath when said section is operable positioned between said legs of said yoke, forced by said plunger against said knife, then pulled through said yoke.